

Bored and Lonely

Pre-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary Below are some adjectives from today's article. Match these words with their meanings. If you don't know, GUESS!

isolated lonely bored famous bleak shy handsome ancient

1. good-looking _____ (1 point each) Score ____ /8
2. when you are unhappy because you are not with other people _____
3. when you feel tired because you haven't got anything to do, not interested _____
4. very old _____
5. someone or something is known by lots of people _____
6. cold and gray _____
7. far away from other places or people _____
8. you find it difficult to talk to people you don't know _____

B: Prediction

1. Below are some words from today's article. Discuss what you know about these words and their meanings.

Prince William Saint (St.) Andrews University Scotland

2. Which of the words from Pre-Reading: Activity A can be used to describe these words. (1 point each) Score ____ /13

Prince William	St. Andrews University	Scotland

3. Discuss these questions with your group. Use your imaginations and don't look at the article to answer your questions.

1. What do you think today's article is about? (2 points each) Score ____ /8

2. What do you think Prince William is like?

3. What do you think St. Andrews University in Scotland is like?

4. Do you think he liked his university

Reading Activities

A: Reading for Gist With your group, read today's article *OUT LOUD*. Then, choose the **best answer** to the question.

What is the main topic of this article?

1. a prince named William.
2. a old university in Scotland.
3. how college students feel lonely and bored.
4. Prince William feeling isolated and un-challenged

Britain's Prince William Lonely at College

LONDON Monday March 4 (Reuters) – Being a prince isn't always a fantasy. When in college, Britain's handsome Prince William was lonely and bored as a student at Scotland's ancient St. Andrews University.

The Daily Mail tabloid has reported that Prince Charles told William that most students took a while to settle in and urged him to 'stick with it'. After talking to his father, the 19-year-old son of the late Princess Diana decided to continue studying art history at the famous university on Scotland's bleak eastern coast.

The Sunday Times said William struggled to make friends and thought the university was isolated. The heartthrob prince wanted to be known simply as William Wales and to be treated like other students during his four-year-course. But the shy teenager didn't have the life of a normal student. Police bodyguards lived in rooms next to his in St. Salvator's Hall and some newspapers followed him to local pubs when he met with friends.

The Sunday Times said William talked with his father Prince Charles about moving to the more cosmopolitan Edinburgh University or a university in Italy or the United States.



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B: Questions Read today's article carefully and answer these questions with your group. Don't copy from the article. Use your own words!

1. Which university did Prince William go to? (2 points each) Score ____ /10

2. What did Prince Charles tell Prince William?

3. What did Prince William want?

4. Why didn't Prince William have the life of a normal student?

5. What did Prince William talk to his father about?

C: True or False Decide if these statements are true or false.

(1 point each) Score ____ /6

1. Prince William studied at a university on the eastern coast of Scotland.

T F

2. The university is very old.

T F

3. Prince William had lots of friends at the university.

T F

4. He *probably* stayed there for four years.

T F

5. He lived in a room in St. Salvator's hall.

T F

6. He wanted to be treated like a prince.

T F

D: Expressions Read this part from today's article and choose the best answers.

... *most students took a while to settle in and urged him to 'stick with it'.*

(1 point each) Score ____ /4

1. *took a while* means:

a. a short time.

b. quite a long time.

c. no time.

2. *to settle in* means:

a. to start to feel happy in a new place.

b. to pay a bill.

c. to choose something.

3. *urged* means:

a. tried hard.

b. felt sad.

c. told somebody to do something.

4. *'stick with it'* means:

a. a piece of wood.

b. to continue to do something.

c. to hit something with a piece of wood.

Post-Reading Activities

A: Vocabulary

In today's article there were these adjectives: *isolated lonely bored famous bleak shy handsome ancient*
Show you understand their meanings by using them to fill the blanks in these sentences.

1. I had nothing to do so I was _____. (1 point each) Score ____ /8
2. When I was a student I was quite _____ so I found it difficult to make friends.
3. Because I didn't have many friends, I was _____.
4. My hometown is _____. You have to drive for an hour to get to another town.
5. I visited an _____ church last week. It was seven hundred years old.
6. One day I saw a _____ man in the city. He looked like Russell Crowe, the actor!
7. In January the weather is _____ and very cold. Don't visit my city then.
8. When I was young, I wanted to be _____.

B: Language

Here are some sentences from today's article. Each sentence has **one** mistake. Circle the mistake and write the correct word(s) above it. Then, write a brief note saying why it is wrong.

1. Prince William was lonely and boring. (1 point each) Score ____ /6
2. The Sunday Times said William was struggles to make friends.
3. He thought the university were isolated.
4. The shy teenager didn't has the life of a normal student.
5. Some newspapers follow him to local pub.
6. William talked with his father Prince Charles about moving with Edinburgh University.

C: Discussion Talk with your group and answer these questions. (4 points each) Score ____ /8

1. What do you think it is like to be a prince or princess? What would be the advantages? What would be the disadvantages?

2. In today's article Prince William is studying at university away from home. What are some of the advantages and disadvantages of studying away from home? Do you agree with Prince Charles that Prince William should 'stick with it'?

E: New Words In the "Additional New Words and Expressions" section of your Reading Journal, add all the words you did not know in today's worksheet.

When you are finished, check your own answers and write your scores!

Answers to Today's Activities

Pre-Reading Activities A: 1. handsome 2. lonely 3. bored 4. ancient 5. famous 6. bleak 7. isolated 8. shy

Pre-Reading Activities B: Prince William: isolated, lonely, bored, famous, shy, handsome.

St. Andrews University: isolated, famous, ancient

Scotland: isolated, famous, bleak, ancient

Reading Activity A: Today's article is 4.

Reading Activity C: 1. True 2. True 3. False 4. True 5. True 6. False

Reading Activity D: 1. b 2. a 3. c 4. b

Post Reading Activity A: 1. bored 2. shy 3. lonely 4. isolated 5. ancient 6. handsome 7. bleak 8. famous

Post-Reading Activities B:

1. Prince William is lonely and **bored** . (incorrect adjective form, bored, not boring)

2. The Sunday Times said William **was struggling** to make friends. (incorrect form for past continuous verb)

3. He thinks the university **is** isolated. (incorrect verb form, singular subject so 'is' is needed)

4. The shy teenager doesn't **have** the life of a normal student. (incorrect verb form, teenager takes 'have', not 'has')

5. Some newspapers follow him to local **pubs** . (noun should be plural, as there is no 'a' The pubs are talked about in general.)

6. William talked with his father Prince Charles about moving **to** Edinburgh University. (incorrect preposition)